

EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017

Stacy Gravano, CTC
TOWN CLERK

In accordance with Chapter III, Section 6 of the East Haven Town Charter, the East Haven Town Council Hearing Committee held a public hearing meeting Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 7:00PM at the East Haven Senior Center, 91 Taylor Avenue, East Haven, CT 06512.

Chairman Robert Sand calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Item #1

Roll Call for Hearing Committee-9 present- 6 absent (Parlato, DePalma, Esposito, Lettieri-Morales, Archambault, Butler III).
A quorum is present.

Chairman Sand indicates that Chairman Parlato was not feeling well and unable to attend.

Item #2

To conduct Public Hearing #1 regarding "An Ordinance Reallocating \$49,500.00 of Capital Funds within Capital Account #94-3 (DOJ)."

**AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE
East Haven Town Council**

"An Ordinance Reallocating \$49,500.00 of Capital Funds within Capital Account #94-3 (DOJ)"

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven, upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, must approve both transfers of monies in excess of \$50,000.00 in any given fiscal year and reallocations of previous bond authorizations;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Finance, on March 23, 2017, approved and recommended the following transfers/bond reauthorizations to the Town Council:

Acct. #94-3 (DOJ)

To:	For:	
94-3-600-01	DOJ Overtime	\$49,500.00
TOTAL		\$49,500.00

From:		
94-3-700-03	DOJ Contingency	\$49,500.00
TOTAL		\$49,500.00

Reason: Reallocation of prior, unspent bond funds for overtime due to DOJ reporting and additional consent decree requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that said transfers/bond reauthorizations are approved.

This Ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Submitted by:	Danelle Feeley, Council Clerk	Date: _____
Approved by:	Joseph Maturo, Jr., Mayor	Date: _____
Received by:	Stacy Gravino, Town Clerk	Date: _____

- Police Chief Ed Lennon addresses the Council and explains that this transfer is being done to make the account whole. They had some additional requirements such as training over the last few months and he does not anticipate spending any more money out of the account.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Richard Anania asks if they have any idea what is left in the account.
- Chairman Sand asks Finance Director Paul Rizza what is left in the DOJ 94-3-700-03 accounts.
- Mr. Rizza says there is about \$100,000 left in there after this transfer.
- Councilman Robert Parente asks if the Chief anticipates any additional transfers.
- Chief Lennon says as of today, no unless the DOJ asks them for any additional stuff.
- Councilman Nicholas Palladino asks how far away they are from ending it once and for all.
- Chief Lennon says he does not have that answer but they submitted all of their paperwork and they have been in compliance for 3+ years. They have not heard from the Department of Justice at all lately.
- Councilman Palladino asks what their next move is.
- Chief Lennon says that would be something for Attorney Sgrignari to explain but they are waiting to hear back. They submitted the final report in May and as of a few weeks ago they sent emails to their Lieutenant asking for some additional items, which they provided and have not heard from them since.
- Councilman Charles Lang says he was going to ask the same question, when is it going to end.
- Chairman Sand says when he read the consent decree, when it started it had a four year time period for training and a two year time period that they had to

prove that they were implementing all the training they did correctly. If he has the timeline right, it would be November/December 2018.

- Chief Lennon says they actually met the categories for compliance within the first year. They met two years of substantial compliance in all of the categories and the monitor's recent report was full compliance. They are at the point where the four years was supposed to end in December of 2016. It is still before a Federal Judge that has to sign off on it. He would refer to Attorney Zullo or Attorney Sgrignari for the particulars.
- Town Attorney Joseph Zullo says logistically the next step would be a joint motion to withdraw the order. We are only waiting on the DOJ and their final sign offs. He assumes the next step would be Attorney Sgrignari trying to work that out because it's the only thing left, we have nothing left to do on our end.

Item #3

Adjournment of Public Hearing #1.

Councilman Joseph Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Ken McKay seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #4

To conduct Public Hearing #2 regarding "Ordinance approving a transfer of \$120,045.00 for the Police Department."

AUTHORIZING ORDINANCE OF THE East Haven Town Council

An Ordinance approving a transfer of \$120,045.00 for the Police Department

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of East Haven, upon recommendation of the Board of Finance, must approve transfers of monies in excess of \$50,000.00 in any given fiscal year;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Finance, on May 17, 2017, approved and recommended the following transfer to the Town Council:

Police Department

To:

01-332-0190	Overtime Wages	\$69,745.00
01-332-0190	Overtime Wages	\$300.00
01-332-0190	Overtime Wages	\$50,000.00
TOTAL		\$120,045.00

From:		
01-332-0110	Regular Salaries	\$69,745.00
	No Smoking	
01-332-0178	Incentive	\$300.00
	Replacement Vac.	
01-332-0192	Days	\$50,000.00
TOTAL		\$120,045.00

Reason: To cover overtime wages within current fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of East Haven that said transfer is approved.

This Ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the provisions of the East Haven Town Charter.

Submitted by:	Danelle Feeley, Council Clerk	Date: _____
Approved by:	Joseph Maturo, Jr., Mayor	Date: _____
Received by:	Stacy Gravino, Town Clerk	Date: _____

- Chief Ed Lennon explains that this will be one of two transfers that will clear them out. He is pretty confident that they will stay within their own budget for overtime. There has been a vacant detective position the entire year and throughout the year there were vacancies here in there. On top of that, in reality, he is actually down four people because two are out on injury leave and two are in the Police Academy. They are paying salaries but have shift vacancies for those positions.

No public comment.

Council comment:

- Councilman Lang says we obtain revenue from the street work that is done don't we.
- Chairman Sand says yes we do.
- Councilman Lang says so from what he is hearing from the Chief, this is above and beyond that. This is for absenteeism and sickness?
- Chief Lennon says this is actual patrol work on Town time not roadwork.
- Councilman Mckay says the money we get from road jobs actually goes into a different account.
- Councilman Palladino asks if the authorized manpower they have right now and have had for the last 30 years is sufficient.
- Chief Lennon says in the last five years their call volume has skyrocketed so it is probably a conversation they will have to have next year.
- Councilwoman Linda Hennessey says as far as the call volume skyrocketing, they have already passed the budget for this year, so are they seeing more?
- Chief Lennon says they are seeing roughly the same call volume as 2016; it's been a 78% increase in terms of volume in call for service. Just in the last first 6

months of this year, it's almost exactly on point with last year so hopefully they will sustain all personnel as it is right now but at some point they will have to talk about it.

Item #5

Adjournment of Public Hearing #2.

Councilman Mckay makes a motion.

Councilman Richard Anania seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #6

Hearing Committee report to the full Town Council and recommendation of action on Public Hearings #1 and #2.

Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Parente seconds the motion.

No public comment.

No Council comment.

Roll call vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Item #7

Adjournment of Hearing Committee.

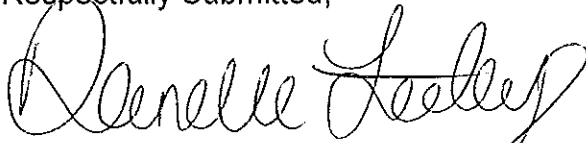
Councilman Santino makes a motion.

Councilman Anania seconds the motion.

Voice vote: all in favor-none oppose-none abstain. Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Danelle Feeley".

Danelle Feeley, Clerk, East Haven Legislative Town Council

